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Los Angeles County Relocation Assistance FAQs

What is Relocation Assistance?

Relocation assistance is a benefit that a landlord may be required to provide residential tenants who are being displaced from their rental units (units) due to no fault of their own. Relocation assistance can be in the form of money, a comparable accommodation, and/or services from an experienced relocation specialist in locating a new place to live, such as assisting with applications and discussing housing needs – all provided at the landlord's own expense.

Who qualifies for relocation assistance?

Tenants who live in units subject to the County's Rent Stabilization and Tenant Protections Ordinance (RSTPO) ([Chapter 8.52](#)) and who are being evicted for a "No-Fault" reason are entitled to permanent relocation assistance. Additionally, residential tenants covered under the [COVID-19 Tenant Protections Resolution](#) who are being displaced due to a landlord or landlord's family member move-in are entitled to permanent relocation assistance.

What does it mean to be permanently displaced?

A tenant is **permanently displaced** if they are evicted for a [No-Fault reason](#) such as:

- A landlord or landlord family member move-in
- Withdrawal of the rental unit from the rental market (Ellis Act*); or
- Compliance with a government or court order.

***NOTE:** *Ellis Act evictions are prohibited while the Resolution is in effect.*

How much relocation assistance do permanently displaced tenants get?

The amount of relocation assistance paid shall be an amount as set forth in the regulations, executive orders, or municipal code of the local jurisdiction within which the unit is located. If no relocation assistance requirements are offered by the local jurisdiction for landlord or landlord family member move-in eviction, landlords shall pay the tenant relocation assistance as set forth in [Section 8.52.110 of the County Code](#).

Permanent relocation assistance is based on the size of the unit and not the number of tenants in the unit. However, if there is a Qualified or Lower-Income tenant in the household, landlords must pay the Qualified or Lower-Income relocation assistance amount.

Displaced tenants are eligible for the following relocation assistance amounts, per



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tenant household:

LA County Permanent Relocation Assistance Amounts					
TYPE	Studio	1 Bedroom	2 Bedrooms	3 Bedrooms	4+ Bedrooms
Standard	\$7,654	\$8,662	\$10,797	\$13,115	\$14,759
Seniors, Minors, Terminally ill, Persons w/ Disabilities	\$9,272	\$10,675	\$13,359	\$16,043	\$17,995
Lower-Income Household	\$10,980	\$12,688	\$15,921	\$18,971	\$21,411

Who is considered a Qualified or Lower-Income tenant?

Tenants who are 62 years of age or older, persons with disabilities, terminally ill, or households with children under the age of 18 are considered Qualified. Lower-Income tenants are defined by the [California Health and Safety Code Section 50079.5](#).

When will tenants receive the relocation assistance payment?

Landlords must provide tenants a direct payment or access to the funds in an established escrow account at the same time a notice of termination of tenancy is served on the tenant. The method of payment (escrow or direct) should be mutually agreed upon in writing by both the landlord and tenant.

What happens if there are disagreements about the relocation assistance tenants are eligible to receive?

Please contact the Department of Consumer & Business Affairs for further assistance.

Questions?

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Attention: Rent Stabilization Program

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